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President Elver Hoxha, speaking on 10 April 1950 before the Second Congress of the Albanian Workers' Party, praised the achievements of the macaroni, textile, leather, and tobacco industries, which exceeded their plans for 1949. He singled out for special mention the textile mill in Shkoder, which met its 1949 plan 106 percent, and its plan for the first quarter of 1950 by 105.51 percent. Most of the workers in this mill are women. Hoxha particularly praised the maintenance of the machinery in the mill.

Hoxha pointed out that the failure of the olive oil industry plan, which was realized only 20 percent in 1949, resulted from a poor crop. This deficiency was responsible for lowering fulfillment of the plan for light industry by 4.3 percent, as well as for the failure of the soap production plan.

The sawmill plan, he reported, was not fulfilled because of a shortage of manpower and inadequate utilization of machinery.

Hoxha chided local industry and the trades for their failure to use waste and old materials in place of new materials.

The President reminded Party members that the production of such unacceptable items as the shoes produced in the rubber factory in Durres hurt the nation politically as well as economically.

Hoxha reported that substantial improvement in production is already evident. During the first quarter of 1950, he said, the production of laundry soap was 100 percent of the planned figure, leather 121.9 percent, textiles 110 percent, shoes 113.5 percent, and lumber 101.5 percent.

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